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THE HIGHEST PAID

Recent figures show that the highest paid executive in the United States in 1959 was probably Frederic G. Donner chairman of the General Motors Corporation. His salary was $201,350.00, and he received bonuses amounting to $469,000.00.

Therefore, Mr. Donner's total earnings from General Motors, as its' chairman, was $670,350.00.

Of course, under the federal tax schedule, as it is now set up, Mr. Donner paid about $500,00.00 of this to the federal government. Nevertheless, he had something under $175,000.00 left, which was ample for him to squeeze by on for the year, we assume.

The interesting part about the latest list of top executive salary recipients is the fact that the automobile industry has moved up in the "standings" so that automobile executives now head the list to a striking degree.

For example, of the first ten names on the list, nine of them are executives of automobile companies. Seven of them are executives of the General Motors Corporation. The total salaries (plus bonuses) of these seven General Motors executives amount to over $3,500,000.00. Most of that, of course, went to the federal government in the form of taxes.

An interesting facet of the high executive salary picture is the bite taken by federal taxes after one's income is already very high. As one calculator recently pointed out, if a 200,000.00-a-year executive is to receive a pay raise of $3,000.00 a year, his company must increase his pay $25,000.00. In the highest income brackets, an executive can keep less than ten cents of each eddtional dollar he earns.

The most impressive part of the executive salary picture is that the United States Treasury certainly gets its share of money from the nation's top business leaders.

In summary, as for the communists cry that the United States is a country where the rich get by with murder, a glance at the top salaries, and the tax bite taken, shows that we continue to "soak the rich" for our government's business to a high degree.

The communists in Moscow, moreover, recently announced they were eliminating practically all income taxes by 1965. The wealthy Americans will almost certainly continue to pay through the nose.

A TENSE SITUATION

The tense situation in world affairs at this moment, challenges all of our people. In a national election year, many things of a partisan nature could be said. We can see, that the Administration has made a tremendous mistake by not doing as recent Administrations did—invite leaders of the opposition party into its handling of foreign affairs. The present Administration has ignored this policy, and now whatever happens, must accept full responsibility. Roosevelt and Truman had Knox, Vandenberg, Dulles and many other Republicans in top policiy positions. But, not so since the present era.

However, to save one's neck is of more importance than merely "carrying a point." There is nothing to be gained by contending that we're in a "mess" because of partisan mistakes. World diplomacy is today, as it has always been, a delicate "walking on a tight rope."

The best observation that we at "the grassroots" can make, is that the people of the world are weary of wars and rumors of wars, and we pray that a Merciful Providence will open the eyes—and the hearts—of the leaders of the world, to the necessity for unceasing efforts for Peace.

The Peace made in 1865 at Old Appomattox has endured, because it was a "Gentleman's Peace" based on mutual understanding and respect. The world needs more of the same. Any other sort of Peace is no Peace at all, but an armed Armistice.

THE BUSINESS OF YOUTH

Millions of Americans, boys and girls, young men and young women, are about to end a year of their education in the schools, colleges and universities of the nation.

Some of these students, no doubt, have been seriously impressed with the troubles that beset the world. By contrast, their pursuit of learning represents inaction in the midst of what may be a serious crisis. Some of them have reached the conclusion that there are other things more important in their lives than the pursuit of education.

The editor of The Appomattox TIMES-VIRGINIAN would like to go on record in opposition to such an idea. Our young people will do well to make their plans to continue the development of their personalities by seeking to acquire learning.

After all, character-building is largely the work of youth. By the time the average man or woman reaches maturity, principles have been accepted which later influence the activities of life. There is no substitute for the formative period of life and no time is lost which results in the development of character.

We trust that the students of Appomattox County, now wondering whether to continue their scholastic work, will not lose interest in their studies under the false impression that they are not important. Proper preparation for life itself is the most serious business that can confront youth.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What are some of the weird effects of phosphorus? Are these signs or lights indicative of the weather ahead?

As the reader probably knows, phosphorus produces light, which can be noticed readily at night. In water, expecially sea water, splashes, waves, and many other things cause water to show phosphorus light.

But phosphorus sometimes appears in the earth too. It is said to float in the air when a low pressure system exists, over old cemeteries, and it may come from decomposing bodies beneath the ground!

Phosphorus glow inland usually indicates low pressure, and thus bad weather.

Russian women account for 45% of the workers in Soviet industry.

Washington Notes

Foreign Aid

The Senate has approved new foreign aid spending authority of $1,405,500,000 for the year starting July 1. The vote was 60 to 25. The Administration, which has burgeted foreign aid spending totaling $4,175,000,000 for the coming year, got most of what it had asked in new authorization.

Communist China

Premier Chou En-lai is regarded here as having killed any lingering hopes that United States newsmen might soon be admitted to Communist China.

Officials say the Premier made it unmistakably clear in Nepal recently that Peiping wanted to use the issue of the newsmen to force recognition of the Communist regime.

Turkish Unrest

The United States Government has no intentioon at present of involving itself in the Turkish anti-Government outbreaks in the way it did in the popular uprisings in South Korea.

Except for pointing out that the Turkish student demonstrators have shown no animosity toward the United States, the State Department's official attitude is: "No comment."

Congress Prodded

President Eisenhower has asked Congress to act promptly on his legislative program without undue attention to election-year politics.

In a special message that had the tone of a fatherly lecture, the President listed a score of Administration recommendations awaiting action with only about two months of the present session remaining. He said "none of us can afford to electioneer" at the expense of the "vital legislation still pending."

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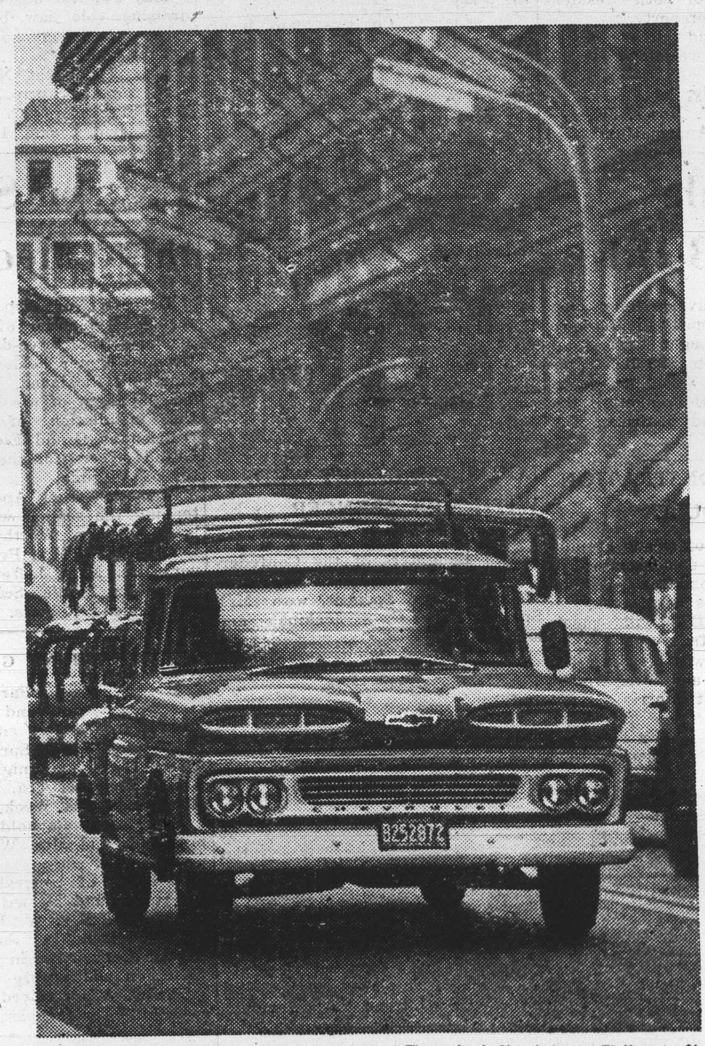

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, May 17.- Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thornhill, of Roanoke, visited in the home of his father, W. W. Thornhill several days this week.

Mrs. Nancy Henkiel was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds.

J. L. Thornhill and Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Thornhill visited Don Owen, of Randolph Sunday.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kern Mays, of Concord were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thornhill, Mrs. Harry White and Mrs. Mildred Mann.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanley and sons were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanley, Sr., of Buckingham.

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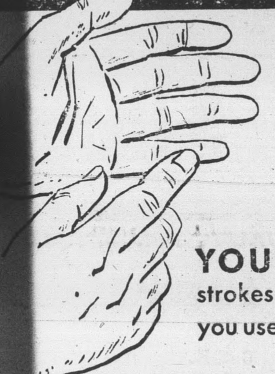

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Stonewall

Stonewall, May 17.- We are so happy to know that our new pastor of Hebron Baptist Church, Rev. John Leitner and wife, are moving into our parsonage today. We wish for them much happiness in their new home.

Glad to know Mrs. S. E. Anderson is lots better after being sick for some time. Hope she will soon be real well again.

Mrs. Addie Routon is not so well at this time. We hope she will be feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Carson, of Roanoke spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and children visited his parents at Natural Bridge on last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, of Richmond, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Matthews, III, of Orange spent the week-end with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson and other home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dysse and son visited with the Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Spain and family, at Colonial Heights last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard Sr., Mrs. Mike Poss and son, Jay, Mr. C. D. Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. and Mrs .Tom Carson in Madison Heights on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler visited in Amherst with friends Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nash of Falling River spent last Thursday with her cousin, Mrs. Lester Carson and Mr. Carson.

This is Youth Week in Hebron Church, through next Sunday. Let's not forget to remember them in our daily prayers.

Mrs. I. B. Wheeler, Mrs. Lester Carson and Mrs. C. D. Carson visited with Mrs. Joe Carson and Miss Florence Carson last week.

Mrs. R. H. Thornhill had as her guest over the week-end Mrs. Essie Chick, Mrs. Mabel Franklin and Miss Martha Carson, of Lynchburg.

Dr. Twyman Williams preached at Stonewall Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. He was the dinner guest of Mr. R. C. Wright and Miss Mattie Wright.

Mrs. Wilton Routon and daughters, Kitty, and Bettie, and Mrs' Curtis Wooten visited in Lynchburg with her mother on Sunday afternoon.

EXTENSION NEWS

By G. L. James, Farm Agent

Appomattox County was host to the Fourth District 4-H Tractor Clinic and Driving Contest. The event was attended by eleven counties, from which there were 39 4-H tractor project members, eight adult 4-H leaders, and ten Farm Agents present.

Regular classes were held in the morning session, which included films on safety, lecture by Dr. A. J. Miller, Engineer Department, Va. State College, individual work on care and amintenance of tractor, oil filter, changes, and general upkeep, etc. The afternoon session consisted solely of the driving event. One 4-H member from each county represented his group in driving. The winners were:

1st place: $10,00 and scholarship to the State 4-H Short Course, John Womack, 1 years of age, of Lunenburg Co., 19 points;

2nd place: $7,00, Stanley Taylor, 16 years of age, Powhatan Co.;

3rd place: Thomas Booker, 15 years of age, Amelia Co.

The Appomattox entry, a 7th grader, Charles D. Ferguson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bass Ferguson, made a very good showing. Even though it was his first attempt against senior competition, he placed 7th.

The 4- events to be held for the remaining of the 4-H work year are: the county-wide 4-H picnic at Prince Edward Lake, June 11; the 4-H Short Course at Virginia State College, June 27, to July 1; the 4-H and NFA Hog Show and Sale at Lynchburg Stock Market, Aug. 15; and the Wildlife Camp at Va. State College, Aug. 3, 4, 5.

As for the adults and the annual Farmers Conference held at Va. State College, this event will take place July 12, 13, 14. Please advise your Farm Agent that you wish to attend, so that travel arrangements may be made.

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Vera

Vera, May 17.- "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." - Matthew 7:21.

It is said that in a cool May, the wheat crop will be fine. If that is true, we may expect a fine crop this year.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Jr., and Sandra Kay, T. C., William and Don visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Sr. on Tuesday.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Sr. celebrated her birthday the 11th. She received a nice lot of gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey and Mrs. Eva Hayden visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman on Sunday.

The Spring Group of the W. M. U. Missionary Society met at Antioch on Tuesday.

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were Mrs. Willie Moses, William, Don, Mrs. Eva Hayden, Sandra Kay Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Harriette and Sandra Kay Harvey were dinner guests on Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carson.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Jacobs are attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida this week.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey attended a home demonstration club meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs Monday night.

One thing that keeps America on the move is the lack of parking space.

Daffynition

A diplomat is a man who can convince his wife that she would look fat in a mink coat. -Almanac, U.S. Bon Homme Richard.

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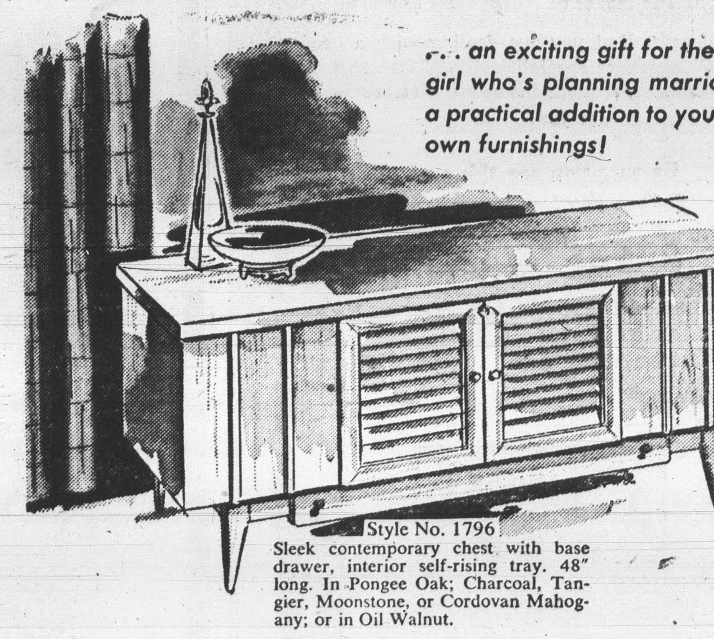

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